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L. RE REFTEL A, PAR 3, WE ARE SURPRISED THAT BORSODY (FAO SECRETARIAT) INDICATED TO US EMB OFF THAT HE HAS NOT EVEN BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN FINAL NOVEMBER OECD MEAT REPORT. ACCORDING TO REFTEL C, HE HAS AGR/WP4(75)6, THE MORE IMPORTANT OF 2 DOCUMENTS PRODUCED FOR THE WORKING PARTY ON MEAT. OTHER DOCUMENT, AGR(75)20, 8 DEC 1975, WAS SENT TO BORSODY BY OECD SECRETARIAT. THIS MISSION MAILED 2 COPIES OF BOTH DOCUMENTS TO AG-ATTACHE, ROME, 4 MARCH, IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL A, PAR 4.

2. BARSODY'S UNDERSTANDING (REFTEL A, PAR 3) IS BASICALLY CORRECT, I.E. WORKING PARTY CANNOT RELEASE ITS REPORTS UNTIL DERESTRICTED BY COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE AND COUNCIL. THIS COULD BE DONE BY WRITTEN CONSENT PROCEDURES AVAILABLE TO BOTH BODIES, WHICH TOGETHER WOULD TAKE 6-7 WEEKS TO COMPLETE. THUS OECD'S MEAT

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WORKING PARTY APPRAISAL OF APRIL 28 MIGHT BE MADE AVAIL-

ABLE AROUND MID-JUNE, ONLY SLIGHTLY LATER THAN CIRCULATION IN MAY ENVISAGED IN REFTEL A, PAR 3.

3. AGATTACHE HAS EXPLORED THIS MATTER WITH OECD AGRICULTURE DIRECTOR SIMANTOV. LATTER FEELS THAT THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOMETHING CONSTRUCTIVE TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF WORK IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND HE INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE EARLY RELEASE OF THE REPORT. AN ADDITIONAL POSSIBILITY WOULD BE FOR THE WORKING PARTY (WP) ITSELF TO ISSUE A PRESS RELEASE, A PROCEDURE FOLLOWED BY WP NO. 5 (FRUIT AND VEGETABLES).

4. IN LIGHT OF REFTEL B, PAR 2, MISSION WILL ASK WASHINGTON WHETHER IT SHOULD MAKE INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS PREPARATORY TO APRIL 26-28 MEETING TO CREATE RECEPTIVENESS FOR MOVING IN THE DIRECTION OF PROPOSALS IN PARS 2-3 ABOVE.
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